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Our Dear Friends,

William Booth who was born in 1829, and lived for 83 years, was the founder of the Salvation Army. This movement, now world wide; has, over the years, been a model of obedience to Christ's command to care for the needs of people. It is said that when he was very old, Booth could not attend an anniversary meeting of the Army. So he sent a telegram that was to be opened only at the meeting. When they opened it, there was only one word in it: "**Others.**" That one word sums up Christian ambition.

We shall be remembering this century's two devastating world wars as we meet at the war memorial this month on Sunday the 12th. Many in those wars thought only for **others**.

The conditions for the prisoners of war under the Japanese during the building of the infamous Burma-Siam railway were deplorable. Hundreds died of dysentery and typhoid because sanitation was minimal and drinking water was often taken from swamps contaminated by the excrement of dying soldiers.

At one such camp, a medical doctor, Richard Dawson, remembered that the water in a green coconut was pure and sterile. He cut off the fibrous ends of the fruit, drilled holes in the shell; used thin bamboo stems to form needles to push into holes he drilled; then used rubber tubes to carry the pure coconut fluid through needles to the dehydrated men.

Richard Dawson worked tirelessly for **others** in unbelievable conditions in order to save men from certain death.

At another camp a soldier had been caught outside the perimeter fence whilst trying to obtain medicine from the Thais for his very sick friends. He was summarily tried and sentenced to death by a Japanese court.

On the morning of his execution he marched cheerfully between his guards to the parade ground. He was left in the centre, standing alone. Calmly, he surveyed his executioners, knelt down and drew a small copy of the New Testament from a pocket of his ragged shorts. Unhurriedly, his lips moving, he read a passage to himself. He finished reading, returned his New Testament to his pocket, looked up and saw the distressed face of his chaplain. He smiled, waved to him and called out, "Cheer up Padre, it isn't as bad as all that, I'll be all right." He nodded to his executioner as a sign that he was ready. He knelt down, and bent his head forward to expose his neck. He was put to death by a Japanese sword.

Such outstanding dedication to the needs of others, both then and since, can enable us to know that the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to love one another, is within our reach. We shall praise our heavenly Father as we remember their sacrifice for **others**.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3rd

7.00 p.m. Quiz Night in Church Hall.

Sunday, November 5th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer. A.S.B. Preacher: The Rev. J. Law.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. B.C.P. Preacher: The Rev. J. Law.

Tuesday, November 7th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, November 8th

8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, November 10th

7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Village Church Hall.

Sunday, November 12th

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. The Confirmation Service. Bishop Clive Handford.

Thursday, November 16th

7.30 p.m. Special Deanery Synod at Stockingford Parish Church.

Friday, November 17th

7.30 p.m. "The Badger" presented by John Sparrow.

Sunday, November 19th

10.30 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

Wednesday, November 22nd

8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship.

Sunday, November 26th

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. A.S.B.

(Preceded by a Ley Group "get together" at 4.30 p.m., at Fillongley Church).

Monday, November 27th

8.00 p.m. Ley Group Council meet at St. John's Church Hall, Ansley Common.

Every Monday—7.00 p.m. Youth Club, Village Church Hall.

Every Tuesday—10.30 a.m. Senior Citizens Club, Village Church Hall.

Every 2nd Wednesday—6.30 p.m. Children's Club, Village Church Hall.

Every Thursday—10.30 a.m. Mothers' and Toddlers, Village Church Hall.

Every Thursday—6.30 p.m. Children's Club, St. John's Hall, Ansley Common. 7.45 p.m. Youth Club, St. John's Hall, Ansley Common.

Every Friday—6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism 'Answering for yourself and your child'

Oct. 22—Austen James Morley of Hood Lane Farm.

Funerals 'The Just shall live by Faith'

Sept. 4—Ivy Leaney, 62 years, of Ansley Village.

Oct. 2—John Ryan (Mick), 78 years, of St. Lawrence Road.

Oct. 12—Jean Wright, 56 years, of St. Lawrence Road.

Ivy Leaney was born at Arley in 1933. She was well respected and cared for others. She had suffered from an illness over a number of years; we offer our sympathy to her family.

Mick Ryan was a well known figure, served with distinction during the last war, The Royal British Legion paid their respects at the graveside. We offer our condolences to all the family.

Jean Wright died very suddenly. Our prayers go especially to her husband Doug in his grief and to the family. Jean will long be remembered as a very popular figure in the village and beyond. She was a village character who arrived to bring lots of laughter and pleasure. She will be greatly missed particularly at the new year season.

Mothers' Union meets on November 7th at 3.00 p.m., in the Village Church Hall. The speaker will give a talk on the Mary Ann Evans Hospice, Nuneaton. A warm welcome is given to all who would like to listen to the speaker. Marie Cove

Church of England Children's Society box opening and Coffee Evening, open to all, at 33 Nuthurst Crescent, Ansley Village on Thursday, November 16th at 8.00 p.m. Many children deprived of love and affection benefit from donations received by the Society, so please come and enjoy coffee and light refreshments and also help these needy children. Thank you. Margaret Oliver Tel. 395674.

The Badger's Life. Mr. John Sparrow from Birchley Heath is an expert on the Badger and has wide experience over a number of years on their habitats and life-style. Friday, November 17th promises to be an enjoyable evening commencing at 7.30 p.m. There will be a break in the middle for refreshments. John has a considerable number of slides to show and will be willing to answer any questions. Held at Ansley Village Church Hall. Tickets for sale £1 in aid of New Building Fund.

Confirmation Service will be at 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, November 12th. The Bishop of Warwick will be visiting us for this special service. Candidates from our own Church will be joined by those from the Churches in the Ley Group.

The Senior Citizens club are visiting Planters garden centre on November 28th, they are going by coach which will leave the village at 10.00 a.m., returning about 1.00 p.m. There are spare seats on the coach and if anyone would like to come the price will be £2.00 per ticket available from any member of the club or contact Margaret Antill on 01827 874520.

Holly Wreaths. Once again we shall be making holly wreaths for sale at the Christmas Bazaar which this year is on December 9th, and to enable the correct number of wreaths to be ready please order these by contacting David Morley on 01676 540298 or Margaret Antill on 01827 874520 with your requirements. The price will be £5.00 for holly and £5.50 for holly with ribbon. Evergreen wreaths will also be made to order if required. Margaret Antill

Quiz Night. Bring a friend and test your knowledge on Friday, November 3rd at 7.00 p.m., at the Church Hall. Fun for all the family. Special quiz for the children first. Two persons per team. Entry fee for quiz 50p per team Children; £1 per team Adults. Refreshments available. Proceeds to the New Building Fund. There are also two lovely knitted dolls to be auctioned on the night. Hilary Barraclough

The Parochial Church Council meets on Friday, November 10th in the Village Church Hall with one item on the agenda namely The Bishop's Vision Statement.

The New Building. The plans for the new building are now with the planning authority, but as they wish to be able to recommend the plans to the planning committee, the authorities wish certain alterations to be made. At the moment we are discussing the details among ourselves and then will return to the authority once these have been finalised, unfortunately this all takes time.

However we are making progress with the fund raising which as at October 19th stands at £21,224.80, and does not include the sponsored sing.

Events for the next six months are being organised and these include:

Quiz Night Friday, November 3rd, 7.00 p.m. (early part for the children).

Talk and Film Show on Badgers Friday, November 17th, 7.30 p.m.

Film night of local interest Friday, January 19th, 7.30 p.m.

Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 20th, 8.00 p.m. all in the Village Church Hall.

Dine on Wheels Friday, March 22nd, 7.00 p.m. Around the parish as before.

Children's Event Saturday, April 27th. Details to follow.

Craft/Hobbies Event Weekend of May 11th and 12th.

Open Gardens Weekend of June 29th and 30th.

Please make a note of these events and support them if you can. The buy a brick books are now again about, and of course donations at any time are much appreciated.

It would be good if we could commence building as soon as possible.

Margaret Antill

The Parochial Church Council have decided to open the car park each day at 10.00 a.m. and to close them at 5.00 p.m.

The income from the Sponsored Sing at the moment stands at £225. There are various promises still outstanding. Please hand your gift to Margaret Kimberley.

The Village Church Hall will be open to all children from Sunday, November 5th to come and join our Sunday School. Please come along between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. to learn more about Jesus.

Margaret Oliver

FROM THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY.

Dear Friends,

As you will all know, I am calling the Diocese to a great movement of prayer as part of our Mission strategy over the next few years. "Rooted in love" with the Cross of Nails was placed at the heart of my Vision Symbol and it remains at the heart of the Diocese's plan for action over the next three or four years. Every parish is being called to form a prayer group (if you have not already got one) by 1996 and to put prayer at the heart of their agenda as we seek to be faithful to God's call to mission.

With my warmest good wishes,

Simon Coventry